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senger trains until suspension of orders, May 28, as per telegram from Surgeon Kinyoun, San Francisco. Up to said date I detained 3 Chinese, and since that date I have allowed 4 Japanese and 1 Chinese to proceed to destination. In one instance, where I detained a Chinese passenger, it was discovered that his baggage had gone on. Through the courtesy of the Santa Fe Company I had it returned to him. He claimed to have certificate in his trunk, but upon examination, it proved to be a certificate of another character. The steamer *Cochan*, referred to in my last report retained the Chinese on board according to the agreement made with me by the captain, J. A. Mellon. He reported their return, which I verified. While I have duly suspended enforcement of all orders, I have continued to carefully study the situation, and I find much good has been accomplished indirectly. The number of Asiatics going out of the State is now very small.

A very peculiar and somewhat suspicious death of a Mojave Indian occurred a short distance from here. I promptly visited the Indian settlement, but arrived too late to examine the body. Although he had just died, his body, with all his effects, was being burned on a pile of brush wood, according to their custom. I had no opportunity to make a positive diagnosis, as his only attendant was a medicine man. Any epidemic disease would rapidly spread if it once got a foothold in this seminaked tribe.

Respectfully,

J. F. T. JENKINS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Boarding vessels at Victoria, British Columbia.

PORT TOWNSEND QUARANTINE,
Port Townsend, Wash., May 30, 1900.

SIR: Your telegram of May 29, 1900, stating that the Ottawa authorities had granted permission to Assistant Surgeon Fox to board San Francisco steamers with Superintendent Watt at Victoria, is received. Although I had not received this telegram on Monday, at the request of the company I sent Dr. Fox to Victoria last Tuesday morning, and he inspected the vessel on its way over from Victoria, thus saving them about an hour's delay here. As they carry a large lot of fruit this is important, and the officers were very much pleased. Hereafter he will board with Dr. Watt, and one inspection will be sufficient.

Respectfully,

M. H. FOSTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

CALIFORNIA.

Smallpox on U. S. transport Meade.

SAN FRANCISCO QUARANTINE,
San Francisco, Cal., June 5, 1900.

SIR: Confirming my telegram of the 1st instant, I have the honor to state that the transport *Meade* arrived on the evening of the 31st ultimo, and on inspection 3 cases of smallpox were found. These cases were among the steerage passengers and were:

Leo N. Lalor, aged 22 years, Washington, D. C., civilian, canteen steward, Fourth Cavalry.

Joseph E. Martin, aged 28 years, California, teamster, quartermaster's department, with Forty-second Infantry.

Charles E. Warner, aged 17 years, Washington, D. C., drummer boy, United States Marine Corps, still in service.